

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 28 to read as follows

– Fig. 4 is a perspective view illustrating the fixing apparatus of the present embodiment.

In Fig. 4, a rotation pin 3 serving as a connection member connecting each one end of a plurality of arms to each other passes through the center (axis line) of tubular base member 2, and opposite ends of the rotation pin are fixed to the tubular portion. The end portions of two arc-like arms 1 facing to each other are pivotably attached to rotation pin 3. A recess or cut portion 2a is provided in the base member 2 for receiving the arms 1. --